

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 ALEXAN 00104 271740Z

44

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 NEAE-00 ISO-00 SS-15 SSO-00 NSC-05 NSCE-00

PA-02 PRS-01 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 INRE-00 DODE-00

SAB-01 IO-10 /052 W

----- 102370

O R 271442Z AUG 75

FM USDEL ALEXANDRIA

TO USINFO WASHDC IMMEDIATE

SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0000

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

ANEMBASSY DAMASCUS 16

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

UNCLAS ALEXANDRIA 0104

USIAC

USINFOR FOR IOP/M

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - KISSINGER TRIP

1. OPTIMISM ABOUT INITIALING SECOND INTERIM ACCORD ON SINAI THIS WEEK PREVAILS IN ALL PAPERS ON AUGUST 27 AS SECRETARY'S ME TRIP CONTINUES TO BE TREATED UNDER FRONTPAGE BANNER HEADLINES. PRESS ALSO REFERS TO "OPTIMISM" EXPRESSED BY PRESIDENT F RD IN

MILWAUKEE THAT ACCORD WILL BE CONCLUDED THIS WEEK. PAPERS REPORT MAARIV'S PREDICTION THAT ACCORD WITH SYRIA WILL FOLLOW IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS.

2. AL-AHRAM LEADS WITH STATEMENTS BY ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER PERES THAT NEW ACCORD "DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY EGYPTIAN STEPS
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 ALEXAN 00104 271740Z

TO END DIPLOMATIC, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL

PRACTISED FOR 27 YEARS." PERES' STATEMENT, AL-AHRAM ADDS, WAS MADE "AMIDST WAVE OF STRONG OPTIMISM IN ISRAEL ABOUT SIGNING ACCORD SOON." ON OTHER HAND, AL-AHRAM POINTS OUT, EGYITIAN POSITION IS "STRICLTY CAUTIOUS" SINCE "SOME ISSUES HAVE ACHIEVED."

3. ON WITHDRAWAL ARRANGEMENTS, AL-AHRAM QUOTES "EGYPTIAN SOURCES ON HIGHEST LEVEL" THAT ACCORD "IS PURELY MILITARY" AND THAT IT WILL BE ENTITLED "AGREEMENT ON SECOND EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT." AL-AHRAM QUOTES FORMIN FAHMY THAT ACCORD DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY SECRET CLAUSES BECAUSE "EGYPT DOES NOT HAVE ANY SECRETS TO HIDE," AND THAT ACCORD CLAUSES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC THROUGH CABINET, PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AND A.S.U. CENTRAL COMMITTEE. "OFFICIAL EGYPTIAN SOURCES" TOLD AL-AHRAN THAT "ACCORD DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY EGYPTIAN COMMITMENT IN CASE OF ISRAELI ASSAULT AGAINST ANY ARAB COUNTRY" BECAUSE "EGYPT IS TIED TO JOINT (ARAB) DEFENSE AGREEMENT." FINAL SETTLEMENT MUST BE WORKED IN GENEVA, SOURCES EMPHASIZED. AL-AHRAM ALSO INDICATES THAT ACCORD WILL BE INITIALED BS MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES IN BOTH TEL AVIV AND ALEXANDRIA. AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHURIYA REPORT THAT JOINT MILITARY COMMITTEE WILL MEET BY MID-SEPTEMBER IN GENEVA UNDER U.N. COMMAND TO MAKE MILITARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEW ACCORD IMPLEMENTATION. AL-AHRAM ADDS THAT TIMETABLE FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM PASSES AND OIL FIELDS IS "AT THE TOP OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS."

RM BOTH AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHURIYA SPECULATE ON ACCORD CONTENT. MOST SALIENT CLAUSES NOTED BY AL-AHRAM ARE: A) ACCORD "IS NEW STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #338," B) IMPLEMENTATION IS TO BE MADE IN GENEVA UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION "AS NEW STEP TOWARD PEACE THAT CANNOT MATERIALIZE WITHOUT OVERALL SETTLEMENT," C) THROUGH MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA "AGREEMENT IS TO BE REACHED ON MEANS AND SCHEDULE FOR IMPLEMENTING ACCORD AND GIVING OVER OILFIELDS AND INSTALLTIONS IN AREA OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWL," D) GOE IS TO INFORM U.N. OF ITS APPROVAL OF RENEWING UNEF MANDATE FOR SECOND YEAR AND THAT ACCORD IS TO BE "ANNUALLY RENEWED AS LONG AS IT IS RESPECTED BY BOTH SIDES AND SOUNDLY IMPLEMENTED," E) BUFFER ZONE WILL INCLUDE TWO U.N.-CONTROLLED MONITORING STATIONS; ONE FOR ISRAEL IN OM KHOSHEIB WHERE U.S. PERSONNEL WILL WORK WITH UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 ALEXAN 00104 271740Z

UNEF, AND ANOTHER TO BE MANNED BY EGYPTIANS" IN PRESENCE OF ONE U.S. CIVILIAN EXPERT UNDER SAME RULES APPLIED TO ISRAELI POST," AND F) U.S. EXPERTS ARE TO REPORT IN UNIFIED MANNER TO BOTH EGYPT AND ISRAEL AND UNEF COMMANDER.

5. AL-GOMHURIYA CALLS NEW ACCORD "FIRST TO HAVE STRATEGIC VALUE AND ACCORDING TO WHICH ISRAEL WILL ABANDON IMPORTANT STRATEGIC SITES IN SINAI." THROUGH ACCORD, WHICH WILL TAKE

SIX TO EIGHT MONTHS TO APPLY, AL-GOMHURIYA ADDS, "SECURITY OF CANAL ZONE WILL BE ACHIEVED." IN VIEW OF "RESPONSIBLE SOURCES" QUOTED BY AL-GOMHURIYA, ACCORD STATES: A) OILFIELDS "WILL BE FULLY RETURNED TO EGYPT," B) EGYPTIAN MILITARY PERSONNEL AND U.S. CIVILIAN EXPERTS" WILL MAN EARLY WARNING STATIONS IN SINAI'S NORTHERN SECTOR AND "WILL REPORT TO EGYPTIAN SIDE." C) STATIONS WILL OPERATE IMMEDIATELY AFTER ACCORD IMPLEMENTATION, D) ACCORD "WILL FIX NUMBER OF EGYPTIAN, ISRAELI AND U.S. EXPERTS EQUALLY," F) EGYPT WILL HAVE IN EGYPTIAN-CONTROLLED AREA "MORE FORCES AND EQUIPMENT THAN WHAT IS THERE AT PRESENT," G) UNEF WILL BE STATIONED IN PASSES WHERE TWO MONITORING CENTERS MANNED BY AMERICAN CIVILIANS WILL OPERATE, H) AMERICANS WILL REPORT TO EGYPT, ISRAEL AND U.N., I) ALL EARLY WARNING CENTERS, INCLUDING EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI STATIONS, ARE TO BE IN U.N.-CONTROLLED BUFFER ZONE, AND J) AMERICAN MONITORING PERSONNEL "WILL BE LIMITED."

6. ALL PAPERS REPORT ON ISRAELI SCENE. OTHER THAN LEADING WITH PERES' STATEMENT ON CONTINUED EGYPTIAN BOYCOTT (PARA 2), AL-AHRAM REFERS TO WIRE SERVICE DISPATCHES FROM TEL AVIV QUOTING REMARK BY "ALL ISRAELI OBSERVERS" THAT "ACCORD WILL BE PASSED BY GOI THURSDAY, AND WILL MOST PROBABLY BE INITIALED FRIDAY." OBSERVERS CAUTIONED THAT U.S. CONGRESS -HAS TO APPROVE CIVILIAN U. . TECHNICIANS IN ELECTRONIC MONITORING POSTS ON HEIGHTS OVERLOOKING STRATEGIC PASSES." OBSERVERS REMARKED THAT "WHAT MAKES CONGRESS' DECISION EASY TO PASS IS THAT NUMBER OF TECHNICIANS MIGHT BE LESS THAN NUMBER ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED" AND THAT "ISRAEL HAS ALREADY PRESENTED CONCESSION BY ACCEPTING TWO U. . CENTERS IN PASSES IN ADDITION TO OM KHOSHEIB CENTER TO BE MANNED JOINTLY BY AMERICANS AND ISRAELIS." ALLON, ACCORDING TO AL-AHRAM STATED THAT PROPOSED INTERIM AGREEMENT "ALLOWS EGYPTIANS TO PLACE LIMITED FORCES IN PRESENT BUFFER ZONE." ACCORDING TO ISRAELI NEGOTIATORS, AGREEMENT ON BASIC UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 ALEXAN 00104 271740Z

CONCESSIONS INCLUDES "ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM SINAI" AND "GOE'S ACCEPTANCE OF PRESENCE OF U.S. TECHNICIANS IN EARLY EARNING CENTERS BETWEEN ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN FORCES IN SINAI." AL-AHRAM REPORTS THAT U. . ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL WAS ALSO DISCUSSED WITH SECRETARY.

7. AL-AKHBAR REPORTS SECRETARY'S STATEMENT IN ISRAEL THAT HE "ACHIEVED PROGRESS ON ALL ISSUES" AND THAT "AGREEMENT ON NEW POSTS OF FORCES HAS BEEN ACTUALLY ACHIEVED." SECRETARY ADDED THAT "FINAL DRAFT OF INTERIM ACCORD HAS BEEN COMPLETED," WHILE ALLON SAID THAT TALKS "HAVE REACHED ADVANCE PHASE" AND "WHAT IS BEING DONE NOW IS PARAGRAPHING AND PHRASING ACCORD." ALLON ADDED THAT EGYPTIAN FORCES WILL ADVANCE TO OCCUPY AREAS NOW OCCUPIED BY UNEF "IN ADDITION TO OTHER AREAS."

8. AL-GOMHURIYA QUOTES STATEMENT BY PERES THAT "SECRETARY HAS ACTUALLY OVERCOME MANY OBSTACLES, BUT ACCORD DOES NOT MEAN AT ALL END OF OUR PROBLEMS." HE ALSO SAID THAT PALESTINIAN COMMANDO ACTIVITIES MAY INCREASE. EARLY STATEMENT BY ALLON REVEALED HIS VIEW THAT "AGREEMENT IS NOT IDEAL" BECAUSE "WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED DIRECT TALKS." AL-GOMHURIYA ALSO REPORTS ON VIEW BY ISRAELI OBSERVERS THAT ISRAEL HAD OFFERED CONCESSION WHEN IT AGREED THAT TWO U.S. MONITORING CENTERS IN BOTH PASSES, IN ADDITION TO OM KHOSHEIB STATION, ARE ADEQUATE. OBSERVERS INTERPRETED CONCESSION AS MEANS "TO FACILITATE U. . CONGRESS' APPROVAL OF U.S. LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN MANNING EARLY WARNING SYSTEM." AL-GOMHURIYA ALSO REPORTS VIEW BY DIPLOMATIC SOURCES IN JERUSALEM THAT ACCORD WILL STIPULATE EGYPTIAN/AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN MANNING MONITORING CENTER EAST OF GIDI PASS, AND ISRAELI-AMERICAN PARTICIPATION IN MANNING SIMILAR CENTER WEST OF PASS. SAME SOURCES ADDED THAT AMERICAN WILL MAN TWO MORE CENTERS AT LEAST, AND REPORTED THAT TOTAL NUMBER OF STATIONS IS NOT YET KNOWN. U.S. OFFICIAL SOURCES, AL-GOMHURIYA EXPLAINS, SAID THAT SOME U.S. TECHNICIANS TO MAN SYSTEM HAVE WORKED BEFORE WITH U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY AND CIA.

9. BOTH AL-AHRAM AND AL-GOMHURIYA REPORT THAT ACCORD WILL INCLUDE THREE PARTS; ONE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, AND ANOTHER BETWEEN ISRAEL AND U.S. ACCORDING TO THIRD, WHICH INVOLVES U.S., ISRAEL AND EGYPT, U.S. PERSONNEL WILL BE POSTED IN MONITORING CENTERS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 05 ALEXAN 00104 271740Z

QPM PRESS PUBLISHES MAJOR PORTIONS OF MEDIA QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION WITH SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT SADAT FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL IN MAAMURA TUESDAY EVENING. OTHER PRESS BRIEFINGS ARE ALSO REPORTED.

11. EDITORIAL COLUMNS ALMOST IDENTICALLY EMPHASIZE THAT NEW ACCORD DOES NOT INCLUDE SECRET CLAUSE AND THAT EGYPT WILL SUPPORTS OVERAL ARAB GOALS.

EILTS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AGREEMENTS, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, PRESS COMMENTS, PEACE OBSERVATION MISSIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 AUG 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975ALEXAN00104
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750296-1309
From: ALEXANDRIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750811/aaaaajel.tel
Line Count: 211
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: ellisoob
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 FEB 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <05 FEB 2003 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <14 JAN 2004 by ellisoob>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEDIA REACTION - KISSINGER TRIP
TAGS: PFOR, EG, IS, (KISSINGER, HENRY A)
To: USIA STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006